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FOR SCOWCROFT FROM THE SECRETARY

YOU WILL HAVE SEEN IN NODIS/CHEROKEE CHANNEL OUR INSTRUCTIONS TO FILTS AND BUFFUM AND MY LATEST LETTER TO PRIME MINISTER MEIR WHICH ARE SELF-EXPLANATORY. YOU SHOULD CALL DOBRYNIN AND TELL HIM THE FOLLOWING:

1. FAHMY HAS MET WITH THE SYRIANS REGARDING THEIR PARTICIPATION AND SYRIANS HAVE GIVEN HIM ESSENTIALLY SAME ANSWER AS WE WERE GIVEN; NAMELY THAT THEY INSIST THAT A PRIOR AGREEMENT ON DISENGAGEMENT WHICH CAN BE PUBLICLY ANNOUNCED AT THE OPENING SESSION OF THE CONFERENCE IS A CONDITION FOR THEIR ATTENDANCE. FAHMY HAS INFORMED US AS WELL AS VINOGRADOV THAT HE HAS FAILED TO BUDGE SYRIANS UP TO NOW AND HAS BEEN UNABLE TO OBTAIN ANY SYRIAN CONCESSIONS.

2. TELL DOBRYNIN OF THE REVISION FAHMY HAS SUGGESTED IN US-USSR LETTER (TEXT IN ABOVE-MENTIONED NODIS/CHEROKEE) AND THAT WE HAVE ACCEPTED THIS, SUBJECT TO ISRAELI APPROVAL. WE ARE INSTRUCTING BUFFUM TO SEE ASSAD EARLY TUESDAY AFTERNOON AND GIVE HIM REVISED US-USSR LETTER AND TO URGE SYRIAN PARTICIPATION IN CONFERENCE, THAT ISRAEL BE PROVIDED PROMPTLY WITH LIST OF POWS AND RED CROSS VISIT BE PERMITTED. WE REQUEST THAT SOVIETS MAKE PARALLEL EFFORT IN DAMASCUS.

3. WE WOULD ALSO LIKE DOBRYNIN TO GET MOSCOW'S APPROVAL TO TRANSMITTING REVISED LETTER JOINTLY TO SYG THIS AFTERNOON WASHINGTON TIME SINCE SYG COULD THEN INFORM PARTIES HE IS CONVENING CONFERENCE ON DECEMBER 21 IN GENEVA. EACH PARTY CAN THEN DECIDE BETWEEN NOW AND THEN ON WHAT THEY WISH TO DO. THIS WOULD ALSO ALLOW SYRIANS ADDITIONAL TIME TO THINK OVER THEIR FINAL ANSWER.

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